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Dear Jody,

Thank you for the care package, that jerky was amazing! Yes it's ok to share my letter.

Things in here are pretty bad, people are scared. I was one of the 691 people transferred from Chino on May 30th 2020. In Chino (CIM) I was really sick back in Feb as were many others. I suspect it was covid 19 but the first confirmed case didn't show ~~til~~ til late March. They didn't lock down, they stopped school and programs but people (inmates) were still doing essential work (laundry, culinary, juice factory) were still operating. The juice factory supplies juice to other prisons in social and we were still walking to chow well into April. People would feel sick and they would test that person and put him back into his dorm. Some who were sick they moved into multiple ~~to~~ dorms. →

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Late April, early May they finally started testing everyone but by then it was too late. It continued to spread like wildfire. I was finally tested approx May 23rd but we were the last dorm tested. I'm Asthmatic and have the autoimmune disorder Rheumatoid Arthritis. My sickness turned into strep throat and after going man down they still didn't treat me. They faked a test told me to drink more water and sent me on my way. I filed a Grievance and later found out they never mentioned the incident in my file. I could of died. So, fast forward, they pull us for transfer. Little did we know there were 5 sick out of the 100 of us that came to San Quentin. Oh ~~what~~ what a mess. It was the #2 head hacha in Sacramento who ordered the move but Chino failed to properly execute and San Quentin was in a scramble to get things ready. →

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We were met with hostile/angry Correctional Officers AND inmates.

~~We~~ We were placed on the same tier as Reception Inmates, they recieved word who we were from angry guards and we endured 2 days of verbal abuse from the RC inmates. For 10 day's we got 1 shower and 2 five minute phone calls. 3 day's no reading material, pens, envelopes, NO communication to our loved ones. All our property just thrown into a U-haul and when it got to San Quentin they opened the door and tons of property came crashing out. Those people who's property was in bags had torn open and was strewn everywhere. Things have since improved but we still get ignored by most CO's when we ask for information. Medical is running the show now and the protocol changes from day to day. After they moved us from RC to death row and we finished our 14 day quarantine →

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We got our property (most of us). a few more days went by and now we are in the AD-SEG building. We are now on "Observation," but it's too late, Covid 19 came with us and now it's spreading. I heard there is now 100+ cases and growing. Things for us have settled a bit but frustration among the CO's is mounting. There are a few who have shown extreme patience and most are working really hard. Things are getting worked out but slowly and patience among the inmates who traveled with me is short. I understand the situation is rough on all of us. Me personally I havent had it as bad as others so far now I'm prepared to stick it out.

Yours truly,

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